

House District 114 Newsletter

March 6, 2019

Greetings from your Texas Capitol! The 86th Legislature is well underway, and I want to take a moment to update you on my first couple of months as your representative for District 114.

Getting Set Up in Austin

I would like to thank everyone who has reached out to share well wishes and to visit us here in Austin. It's a privilege to be serving in the Texas House of Representatives. Serving you and our neighbors is a humbling and exciting opportunity. I look forward to hearing about the issues that matter most to you as the session continues.



On January 8th, my family joined me at the Capitol for the opening day festivities and the swearing-in ceremony. I was honored to be here with many friends, including lots of visitors from Dallas to our new office.

My two sons joined me at my desk on the floor of the House chamber and helped me cast my first votes of the session. It was a special moment for me as I recalled my own childhood memories of being on the floor of the House in 1981 with my dad, Jim Turner, when he was sworn in as a State Representative.



Several weeks into the session, the Speaker of the House, Dennis Bonnen, announced the Committee Appointments for every member. I'm glad to be serving on the Appropriations and Environmental Regulation Committees.

The Appropriations Committee is responsible for crafting the House's budget proposal for the next two years. It is divided into subcommittees to give members a chance to focus on specific subjects within the larger budget. Chairman John Zerwas appointed me to the Article 2 subcommittee, which covers Health and Human Services. While this is a significant undertaking, I am excited to serve on a committee that plays such a vital role in helping improve public health and providing critical services to children, the elderly, and others who need them.

It's still early in the session, but legislation is being considered in committees and the first bills will soon reach the House floor. In future newsletters, I plan to talk about some of the specific issues the Legislature will be considering, as well as provide updates on bills that I have filed and co-authored.

District Update and March 17 Town Halls

We will soon be opening our district office! It will be located on the first floor of the Meadow Central building, 10300 Central Expressway. Should you have any questions, please reach out to my District Director, Brenda Allen, at Brenda.Allen@House.Texas.Gov. You are always welcome to visit us there, or if you find yourself in Austin, in our Capitol office.

I am also happy to announce that I will be having two town hall meetings in Dallas on March 17. For convenience, **I will be having one on the east side of the district at Lake Highlands YMCA at 3:00pm, and one on the west side of the district at YMCA Town North at 5:00pm.** Each event will be scheduled for one hour. I would welcome the chance to visit with you at either event. I hope to spend about the first half hour giving you an update on what the Legislature is doing, and the next half hour answering your questions. If you plan to attend, it will help us prepare if you can RSVP to Brenda.Allen@House.Texas.Gov.

Should you have any questions, need to schedule a visit or share an event, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (512) 463-0576 or District114.Turner@house.texas.gov. We are here to serve you.

Sincerely,



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District Office Opening Soon!

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